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Lt. Governor

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Secretary

August 12, 2022

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

The Honorable Wilton Simpson, President
Florida Senate
Room 409, The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

The Honorable Chris Sprowls, Speaker
Florida House of Representatives
Room 420, The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Patricia Jameson, Coordinator
Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
111 West Madison, Room 312
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis, President Simpson, Speaker Sprowls and Coordinator Jameson:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) holds agreements with 97 Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs). Pursuant to section 20.058, Florida Statutes, each CSO is required to report information related to its organization, mission and finances to DEP annually by August 1. DEP is required to report by August 15 of each year to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the information provided by each CSO, including a recommendation with supporting rationale to "continue," "terminate" or "modify" DEP's association with each.

DEP recommends to "continue" association with 97 CSOs. The enclosed report includes DEP's recommendations and rationale related to each CSO. The report, supporting documentation and links to their individual websites (if applicable) can be found on DEP's website at:

www.floridadep.gov/comm/comm/content/citizen-support-organizations-reports.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mara Gambineri, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, at (850) 245-2043, or Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem Restoration, at (850) 245-2031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna DeCerchio".

Anna DeCerchio
Chief of Staff

Enclosures

cc: Mara Gambineri, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation
Adam Blalock, Deputy Secretary for Ecosystem Restoration
Alex Kernan, Legislative Affairs Director
Teresa Johnson, Bureau Chief of Budget and Planning

***Citizen Support Organization
2022 Annual Report***

**Division of Recreation and Parks
Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
August 12, 2022**

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Introduction

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) holds agreements with Citizen Support Organizations (CSOs) through its Division of Recreation and Parks (Division) and Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection (Office). The Division manages agreements with 83 CSOs and the Office manages agreements with 14 CSOs, for a total of 97 CSOs.

Pursuant to section 20.058, Florida Statutes, each CSO is required to report information related to its organization, mission and finances to the Department by August 1 of each year. The reporting requirements include:

- Name, mailing address, telephone number and website address of the organization;
- Statutory authority or executive order pursuant to which the organization was created;
- Brief description of the mission of, and results obtained by, the organization;
- Brief description of the plans of the organization for the next three fiscal years;
- Copy of the organization's code of ethics; and
- Copy of the organization's most recent federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (IRS Form 990).

Additionally, the Department is required to report by August 15 of each year to the Governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability the information provided by each CSO, including a recommendation with supporting rationale to continue, terminate or modify the Department's association with each.

Following the passing of 2014 legislation which created sections 20.058 and 112.3251, Florida Statutes, the Department continued to work with the CSOs to generate awareness and compliance with these new requirements. To ensure compliance with the new laws, CSOs were provided with information on the new requirements, a report template, model code of ethics and instructions for submitting the required documents. Because of this ongoing effort, the Department received the required information from 97 of its CSOs for this annual report.

Support Organization Reports

Each of the CSO reports include three components: Main Report, Code of Ethics and an IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N or IRS Form 8868 a 990 extension. After receiving the documentation, the Department compiled the components into one .pdf document per CSO. As required, the .pdfs and links to each CSO's website, if applicable, can be found on the Department's website at: www.floridadep.gov/comm/comm/content/citizen-support-organizations-reports.

Agency Recommendations

The Department recommends to "continue" association with 97 CSOs.

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2022 Annual Report**

Department of Environmental Protection

Citizen Support Organization	Park/Trail/Preserve(s) Supported	Office/Division	2021 Report Received	Date Reviewed	Complete?	Mailing Address?	Telephone?	Website?	Statutory Authority	Mission	Results Obtained	Three FY Plans	Code of Ethics	Submitted IRS Form	Agency Recommendation	Rationale
The Friends of Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Inc.	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	6/23/2022	6/24/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20.2551; F.S.; 258.015; F.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	990-N	Continue	A complete 2022 CSO Report was provided.
Wekiva Wildemess Trust, Inc.	Wekiwa Springs State Park; Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park; Rock Springs Run State Reserve	Division of Recreation and Parks	6/7/2022	6/23/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20.2551; F.S.; 258.015; F.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	990-EZ	Continue	A complete 2022 CSO Report was provided.
Ybor City Museum Society, Inc.	Ybor City Museum State Park	Division of Recreation and Parks	6/15/2022	6/22/2022	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	20.2551; F.S.; 258.015; F.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	8868; 2020 990	Continue	A complete 2022 CSO Report was provided.